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# Northern Region News

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## Kootenai NF Publishes "Historic Overview"

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**T**he Kootenai NF has completed and published the HISTORIC OVERVIEW OF THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST.

This publication covers the history of the Forest, beginning with the first European explorers who entered the area in the early 1800s. A wealth of information is contained in the 455 -page publication. It focuses on regional and local history, emphasizing the themes of early exploration, early transportation, settlement and agriculture, mining, logging, and Forest Service history.

From the colorful antics of the early fur traders and miners, to the day-to-day living in logging railroad camps, the overview delves into the lives of the individuals who shaped the history of northwestern Montana and provides detailed descriptions of early land use technologies used throughout the northwest.

The overview was researched and written by Northwest Archaeological Associates (NAA), based in Seattle, Washington, under the supervision of Kootenai NF archaeologists. NAA searched through historic records housed at repositories all over the northwest, including Hudson's Bay records stored in Canada. They also conducted interviews with local residents, reviewed records in the Forest archives, and utilized research materials compiled by Forest archaeologists.

The entire project, which took more than two years from inception to completion, resulted in



Above: Railroad logging camp at Flower Creek, 1926. Entire families lived in box car homes while children attended school in a "little red" box car.



Left: Logging chute on Callahan Creek, Kootenai NF, 1926. Sections of the chute can still be seen today.

the production of three volumes: the overview, Vol. 1; an annotated bibliography, Vol. 2; and a management guide, Vol. 3, which provides a framework that will aid Forest archaeologists in assessing the significance of historic properties on the Forest.

The history presented in the overview will be very useful to other employees and will be helpful to researchers as they pursue ecosystems management objectives.

A copy of all three volumes will be distributed to each Forest archaeologist in R-1. Copies of the overview will also be sent to university libraries in the northwest and to local schools and area libraries. It is interesting reading and will have a wide appeal among many different audiences. For more information, contact Connie Reid, Kootenai NF headquarters, Libby, MT, telephone (406) 293-6211.



# Preservation Award Region's Preservation Team Recognized by Montana Historic Preservation Office

The decision made four years ago by Region 1 to create the Historic Preservation Team was groundbreaking. It was a new program for the Northern Region, and the first team of professional preservation craftsmen formed in the Forest Service. The chief goal was to do a better job of stewardship with the more than 800 significant historic Forest Service buildings placed in the care of the Northern Region by the American people.

In honor of that effort, the 1993-94 Montana Historic Preservation Award was presented to the Forest Service's Northern Region by Governor Marc Racicot in a ceremony held January 24 in the Capitol rotunda.

Individually cited for their long and untiring efforts in the creation and support of the Preservation Team was former assistant director of Engineering Jim Hogan (retired), Lolo NF architect Ken Duce, Lolo NF archaeologist Milo McLeod, Regional Heritage Program Officer Mike Beckes, and Forest Service volunteers Ben Mayger and Al Adams of Helena. Their work was described by State Historic Preservation Officer Marcella Sherfy as part of an "unquenchable, enthusiastic grass-roots campaign by Forest Service employees and volunteers to demonstrate that vigorous care of Region 1's historic buildings was good business, good politics, and good stewardship."

An award also went to each member of the Preservation Team for the quality and effectiveness of their work on a wide variety of agency buildings—from lookouts to ranger stations, to backcountry cabins. The four craftsmen composing the team include team leader Bernie Weisgerber and crew members Cary King, Dale Sweet, and Bill Harris.



*Top: R-1 HISTORIC PRESERVATION TEAM (l to r) Cary King, Bill Harris, Dale Sweet and Bernie Weisgerber, standing before the lower section of Anderson Lodge, Shoshone NF, Wyoming, where a November 1993 Public Broadcasting Service television episode of "This Old House" was filmed.*

*Bottom: AWARD PRESENTATION PRINCIPALS, Montana Capitol Rotunda: (l to r) Governor Marc Racicot, Forest Service volunteer Al Adams, Regional Heritage Program Officer Mike Beckes, Forest Service volunteer Ben Mayger, Lolo NF architect Ken Duce, Lolo NF archaeologist Milo McLeod, and former assistant director of Engineering Jim Hogan (retired).  
Montana Historical Society Photo*

Among the most challenging projects for the team have been those located in wilderness areas, requiring that all tools, equipment and supplies be brought in by packstring. A project in the Bob Marshall Wilderness earned the team the Region's Silver Axe Primitive Skills Award for 1992. It was this project that was pictured in the May 1993 issue of "National Geographic." Another wilderness project completed by the team in Wyoming was featured on the popular PBS television series "This Old House" in November 1993.

Of special value is that on each particular project forest and district staff become crew and apprentices to the team. And—in partnership with the National Park Service, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, the State Historic Preservation Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Bureau of Land Management—the team has presented more than a dozen hands-on training sessions for maintenance crews, caretakers,

and managers. "Because the need for sound building care in the Forest Service and in other agencies far exceeds the time of the crew", Sherfy stated, "training additional people—while project work goes forward—has become a team speciality and another extremely cost-effective agency decision."

The national coverage and inter-agency trainings have transformed the team, in Sherfy's words, into "ambassadors without equal in convincing sceptics that preservation is affordable, interesting and possible." It is this far-sighted, risk-taking support by the Region's management that deputy regional forester John Hughes referred to in his formal acceptance of the State award. "From our perspective the future of Montana's past has never looked so bright," he said. "Working together we can make a difference for all Montanans and for generations to come."

# *Impressions of Wolf Releases*

## First Four Wolves Reintroduced in Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness

*by Leaf Magnuson, Information Assistant,  
Missoula RD, Lolo National Forest*

Imagine you go to work tomorrow to do a difficult job. The courts and the weather haven't been cooperative, and the national media wants to come with you. You've got four wolves living their worst nightmare and they have to get out of their boxes or die. You can't send them back.

The Idaho County commissioners said the wolves wouldn't be released in their county. Then they were, with 35 people in attendance, second guessing the plan which changed frequently as options dwindled. It was fun.

On January 13th and 14th, Salmon/Challis Supervisor Chuck Wildes, and District Ranger Rodgers Thomas came to the rescue. They sent a grader to clear rocks off the ice on the Salmon River Road. They provided three 4X4 vehicles, drivers to haul the wolves and the go ahead to release them at Corn Creek.

We crept down the road in a big green suburban. Chuck and Laird in the front seat. One admiring old burn areas, the other speculating on release sites. They finally fell to telling old smokejumper stories...yikes! We got a break when they got out to put chains on. The road was a sheet of ice.

The Salmon River is beautiful. With chains chirping like crickets, we watched ice rodeos in the river. Under the rocks that shoot straight up from the river were secret safe animal places carved by the river. Not good wolf habitat. "God it's steep," thought Ed Bangs, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service," all the way up the road. Those wolves were used to flat and open country."

The media rented, borrowed, and squeezed into 4x4's for the ride. They'd been so patient, with so many changes of plan. They stuck to us like hot to fire till the wolves were gone, then poof, they were gone.

At the first site wolf biologists Ed Bangs, Mike Jimenez and John Weaver vetoed the release across the Stoddard Pack Bridge. It was the first choice of the commissioners, of their County. Ed wanted a site with some room for recovery. They had only one option there and it was too close to the river.

As you know, they were released farther down the river at Corn Creek. If you've never been in the Salmon River Country, it's all up or down with a few

flat spots along the river. Corn Creek Campground is one of the larger flat spots.

At Corn Creek, Dave Hunter, Idaho Department of Fish & Game veterinarian, was very excited and having the most fun. He was master of ceremonies, introducing the wolves to us as they were released, one by one. Ed and the vet opened the first cage. The wolf stumbled down the road cut and made a sweep past Joe Chandler, helicopter manager turned driver, stationed below the cages. Finding no escape, the wolf turned his long lope downriver, looking for home.

The third wolf balked. She wouldn't leave her cage. The vet tried to push and prod her out. She resisted. You saw the pictures. The cowboy commissioner who I'd met at the motel earlier that morning was in the back of a truck, watching with me. He'd expressed concern for his stock. He hadn't known until then about the final rule and provisions for stockholders.

Someone leaned over and whispered to the him, "shoulda brought your 'hot shot.'" The commissioner replied, "Nah, don't have one; wouldn't use one on my animals; wouldn't want one used on me." He stole my heart. He was urging her out under his breath. We all were. They offered to let him open a cage. He hesitated and finally declined. "You'll regret that," I said. "You don't know these people" he replied.

People who don't know about wolves think that they'll kill too many deer and elk, that they eat people, that they prefer stock to wild game. It's interesting, the big difference between our inherited, Eu-

ropean fear of wolves and the way the Lemhi, Shoshone, Nez Perce and other tribes consider them brothers and sisters. Wolf mortality is high enough without the ill will of humans. A rancher I know, close to the Ninemile, says he loses more cows to his neighbors than coyotes or wolves.

It's going to be interesting to see how wolves and people adjust. I think that concessions to the media on that trip whether the wolves and biologists liked it or not, helped pave the way for smoother releases in the future. People are more inclined to support something in which they can participate. The release next year may be easier. Of course, that depends on weather and lawyers.



*Robinson, Bangs, Jimenez and Hunter (l to r) watch as the cage is opened for the first of the four wolves released January 14 in the Salmon River Canyon.  
Photo by Leaf Magnuson*



## Deerlodge, Beaverhead NFs Provide Hunting Access for Disabled Hunters

**T**he Beaverhead and Deerlodge National Forests offered a variety of special areas for disabled hunters this fall. To use any of these areas, a disabled hunter must bring a Montana conservation license stamped with a "Permit to Hunt From a Motor Vehicle" to the ranger station managing the area where he or she wants to hunt.

At the ranger station, the hunter can get a special permit that allows motorized access behind locked gates. This gives disabled hunters an equal or nearly equal hunting experience as nondisabled hunters.

The areas available for disabled hunters were selected because there's a good chance of seeing game, hiding cover is well situated, and game can be easily retrieved. (No special permits are needed for hunters wanting to walk into these areas.)

This year, the following areas are available for disabled hunters:

**BRAYS CANON ROAD**, west of Bannack (contact the Dillon ranger station, 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725, or telephone 406/683-3900).

**WASHINGTON CREEK ROAD**, on the east side Tobacco Root Mountains, and the **BOGUS BASIN ROAD**, on the east side Gravelly Range Mountains (contact the Madison Ranger District, 5 Forest Service Road, Ennis, MT 59729, or telephone 406/682-4253).

**JACKSON PARK ROADS**, #8506 and #8615, at the north end of the Flint Range, and the **BLIZARD HILL ROAD** #8518, on the east side of the Deer Lodge Valley (contact the Deer Lodge Ranger District, 91 N. Frontage Road, Deer Lodge, MT 59722, or telephone (406) 846-1770).

**DRY GULCH ROAD** #5006, near the East Fork Reservoir, and the **COMBINATION WEST ROAD** #5036, in the Black Pine Area (contact the Philipsburg Ranger District, 88-1 OA Business Loop, Philipsburg, MT 59858, or telephone (406) 859-3211).

## Burning Question

# Role of Prescribed Fire, Natural Fire in Ecosystem Management of Lodgepole Pine

by Bert Lindler,  
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**W**hat role should logging and prescribed fire play in sensitive watersheds high along the border between Montana and Idaho? What role will natural fire play? These are some of the questions facing foresters and biologists pondering ecosystem management in mature lodgepole pine forests.

In past centuries lightning fires burned naturally. But for several decades now, the Forest Service has put fires out as quickly as possible. Fires are less frequent but could potentially be far more severe than in years gone by.

What is the risk that a future fire could cause an entire hillside to wash out, as happened in the Overwhich Creek drainage during 1991? What would be the consequences, given the present state of the watershed and of the native fish populations?

Representatives of the Society of American Foresters, the Wildlife Society, and the American Fisheries Society considered these questions during a 2-day workshop that included a field trip to Overwhich Creek, 25 miles south of Darby, MT. Specifically the foresters and biologists considered how the lessons learned there could be applied to a stand of mature lodgepole pine and Douglas-fir in the Salt Creek drainage nearby.

The project that received the most attention involves logging about 140 acres of mature lodgepole pine and Douglas-fir in the drainage's headwaters. The stand has had several small clearcuts of about 10 acres each. But managers want to work with larger openings more closely resembling those left after natural fire.

They want to leave burned trees behind, as a fire would. And they hope to reduce the chance that a severe natural fire might cause hillsides to wash out in coming years.

The plan is to log the area between the existing clearcuts.

Only about 60 percent of the trees would be cut. Afterward, a prescribed fire would kill most of the remaining trees. Dead trees would be left standing.

The questions being raised during this workshop illustrate what's involved in trying to think about ecosystem management, said Hal Salwasser, Boone & Crockett Club Professor of Wildlife at the University of Montana's School of Forestry. Before joining the faculty in 1992, Salwasser laid the groundwork for ecosystem management as head of the Forest Service's New Perspectives program.

Ecosystem management encourages appreciation for a broader array of values, integrates new scientific knowledge into management, and strengthens public participation. "Ecosystems do not need to be managed", said Salwasser, President of the Wildlife Society, at the time of the workshop. "People need to manage ecosystems to achieve specific goals."

After panels discussed what workshop participants had seen, each of the professional societies met to come up with their opinion of the projects.

"I've got some new ideas," said Nora Rasure, the Bitterroot National Forest's West Fork district ranger. She said she valued the opportunity to have professional societies offer their insights.



# New Forest Visitors Maps for Beaverhead, Kootenai

The Beaverhead and Kootenai NFs have new forest visitor maps. Kootenai National Forest's new, one-half-inch to a mile map is a four-color digital map prepared with Intergraphic (Series 6,000) computers. It is the second computer-generated map produced for the Northern Region. The first was the 1992 map for the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness.

"We no longer use a manual approach in preparing and revising our maps," explained Don Van Nice, cartographic technician in the RO Division of Engineering. The new Kootenai NF map was prepared on computers at cartographic work stations. The digital computer preparation saves time, is more efficient and permits greater flexibility in changing scales, adapting to special needs and produces better quality maps, "Van Nice explained.

Forest visitor maps are now developed from cartographic feature files in the For-

est Service center in Salt Lake City.

"Using this base information and our computers eliminates the slow work of hand scribing and lettering," Van Nice said. "The result is better quality quicker. Eventually all of our maps will be computer-generated."

The four-color, one-half-inch to the mile Beaverhead NF (west half) map is an updated visitor map for southwestern Montana. In addition to National Forest information, it also includes roads, ownership details and management designations for the Dept. of Agriculture Research Services, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.

Seven new ranger district travel maps were published recently. The three-color maps, printed on newsprint, are travel-rec-



*Cartographic technician Don Van Nice*

reation maps published in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management.

These free ranger district maps are for the Bonners Ferry, Avery, Fernan, Sandpoint, Wallace, St. Maries and Priest Lake Ranger Districts.

In the last seven month, updated forest visitor maps were reprinted for the Bitterroot, Deerlodge, Helena, Lolo (west half), and Clearwater National Forests.



*Above: Dr. Marshall Bloom, (l) board member National Trout Unlimited, presents scholarship award to Michael J. Jakober.*

*Below: National Trout Unlimited President Charles Gauvin (l) presents Orville Daniels the Trout Unlimited Trout Conservation Award.*

*Photos by Tara Gallagher, THE MISSOULIAN*



## National Trout Unlimited Recognizes Forest Service Employees, Retiree

*by Tara Gallagher,  
THE MISSOULIAN correspondent  
Harnilton, Montana*

Two Forest Service employees and a Forest Service retiree were recognized and presented awards by the National Chapter of Trout Unlimited (TU) at TU's 1994 national convention in Bozeman, Montana.

Michael J. Jakober, a fisheries graduate student at Montana State University, received the Lee Wulff Scholarship Award. Jakober works as a seasonal employee for Bitterroot NF fisheries biologist Rich Torquemada. The scholarship award was presented in recognition of Jakober's study of the bull trout winter habitat in the Bitterroot NF. His study entailed extensive daytime and nighttime snorkeling, fall and winter. Jakober also used radio telemetry

in observing which habitat bull trout prefer in the winter.

Deerlodge NF Supervisor Van C. Elsbernd was presented a Trout Unlimited Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions in protecting the watershed and fisheries of Rock Creek, west of Missoula, Montana.

Lolo National Forest Supervisor retiree Orville Daniels received the Trout Conservation Award Professional, for his long-time efforts in responsible resource management and for promoting the importance of fisheries and watersheds on National Forests.

# Regional Forester's Public Service Awards: Audubon, Trout Unlimited

by Cass Cairns, Information Assistant,  
Bitterroot National Forest

**B**itterroot NF Supervisor Steve Kelly recently presented the Regional Forester's Citizens Public Service Awards to Trout Unlimited and the Audubon Society.

Kelly presented the Public Service Award to Dr. Marshall Bloom, Hamilton, Montana, at the Trout Unlimited (TU) annual banquet in Hamilton. Bloom, a member of the national and state TU, is a member of TU's national Natural Resource Board and vice-chairman of TU's State Council for Montana.

The award, Kelly said, is in recognition of Bloom's tireless support over the past 15 years of aquatic ecosystem management at the local, regional and national levels. "Dr. Bloom has taken an active role in educating and motivating the community - including the Forest Service - on fisheries issues and concerns," Kelly explained. "He has contributed countless hours assisting in all aspects of aquatic ecosystem management, from planning to organizing and implementing projects through the Bitterroot Chapter of

Trout Unlimited."

As a local leader in the community, Dr. Bloom has kept in constant contact with resource specialists and line officers of the Bitterroot National Forest, Kelly said. "Out of this honest, positive, knowledgeable and professional working relationship with resource professionals, Bloom has had a profound effect on fisheries in the entire Bitterroot Valley, on and off the Bitterroot National Forest."

Kelly also presented the Regional Forester's Citizen Public Service Award to the Bitterroot Chapter of the Audubon Society at a recent chapter meeting in Hamilton.

The award is in recognition of the chapter donating more than 200 volunteer hours each year to monitor bird populations in the Bitterroot NF.

Utilizing their bird identification skills,

Right: Dr. Marshall Bloom (l) receiving the Regional Forester's Public Service Award from Bitterroot NF Supervisor Steve Kelly. Photo by Richard Torquemada, fisheries biologist, Bitterroot NF.

Below: Jim Story (r) accepts the Regional Forester's Public Service Award for the Bitterroot Chapter of the Audubon Society. Photo by Jim Ormiston, wildlife biologist, Bitterroot NF.



Kelly said chapter members have assisted at bird banding stations in organizing Christmas season bird counts and Migratory Bird Day counts, conducted surveys of breeding bird routes, responded to requests for school classroom talks, and have contributed immeasurably to the body of knowledge of neotropical migratory birds in Ravalli County and the Bitterroot National Forest. He said the Bitterroot NF's neotropical migratory bird program would not be possible without the Audubon's knowledgeable support and enthusiasm.

## spotlight

left: Richard Abt examines an overland flow of ash and debris after the Turkey Fire in the Sage Creek drainage, Little Belt Mountains, Judith RD, Lewis & Clark NF.



**Name: Richard M. Abt.**

**From:** Born in New York City, 1955. Moved to Atlanta, Georgia, when I was 12-year-old (6th grade). Graduated from University of Montana (1979) with degree in forestry.

**Job:** Forester (timber management), Judith RD, Lewis & Clark NF, Montana. **Job Involves:** Timber sale preparation for Jefferson Zone Timber organization; in-

cludes all aspects of sale preparation for large sales; National Forest Management Act and National Environmental Policy Act analyses team leader.

**Previous Life:** Peace Corps Volunteer, Philippines, 1981-1985; forestry technician, 1979-1981 and 1985-1989, Philipsburg (MT) RD, Deerlodge NF. On Judith RD since 1989.

**Favorite Place In the World:** Palawan, Philippines. **How I Spend Time Away From Work:** Gardening, camping, fishing, cross-country skiing and time with my family.

**Dream Vacation:** Just came back from my dream vacation, six weeks in Philippines with my family; was first trip back to Philippines in 10 years.

**Fantasy Job:** Very lucky. I'm doing it. Enjoy the opportunity to work in natural resource management in Forest Service, as agency goes through changes. My **Greatest Adventure:** My four years in the Philippines with the Peace Corps, working with cultural minorities in community development with an agro-forestry project. I met my wife, Milaflor "Beth" Amboc, in the Philippines. We are the parents of two children: Fawn, 7, and Michael, 5. **Achievements I'm Most Proud Of:** The four years I worked with the people of the Philippines, while serving as a volunteer in the Peace Corps, and my work on the Lewis & Clark National Forest, helping meet the timber targets while timber program downsized.



# Lolo Trail Adventure Passport in Time Volunteers Join Clearwater NF Staff in Lolo Trail System Inventory

by Steve Armstrong, Archaeologist,  
Clearwater National Forest

**P**assport in Time (PIT) volunteers joined archeologists from the Clearwater NF's Heritage Resources staff last summer for a systematic inventory of the Lolo Trail System.

The 18 PIT volunteers came from Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Iowa, Indiana and Florida. They were joined by a student and an anthropology professor from Lewis & Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho.

The Passport In Time program provides opportunities for volunteers to work with professional archaeologists and historians on archaeological excavations and inventories, historic structure stabilization and reconstruction, oral history, historical research and various other related historical and archaeological activities.

The Lolo Trail System was used for travel over the Bitterroot Mountains of north-central Idaho by five major groups: (1) Lewis & Clark Expedition, 1805-1806; (2) Nez Perce Indians used the trail to access the buffalo lands east of the Rocky Mountains and the trail provided opportunities for other neighboring Indian groups to gather for trading items that were not available locally (shells, camas, dried salmon, corn husk bags); (3) Bird-Truax expedition of 1866; (4) five non-treaty bands of Nez Perce Indians who were pursued by the U.S. Army during the Nez Perce War of 1877; (5) the Lolo Motorway was constructed in 1934. The Lolo Trail has been designated a Na-

tional Historic Trail.

The 1994 inventory (July 25-August 12) documented locations where cultural materials were observed. The sites included campsites (Lewis & Clark; Hudson Bay Co. trapper John Work, 1831; surveyor and military man John Mullan, 1853-54; and Bird-Truax), trappers' cabins, forest fire lookouts, telephone lines, campsites, prehistoric sites and Forest Service trails.

The Lolo Trail was a main travel route across the mountains. It is more than a narrow, interstate-like path through the mountains. It has many ridge and trail systems radiating out from the main trail backbone, like spokes on a wheel. These are less distinct travel routes leading to various other locations along the Lolo Trail System.

With each season's work along the corridor, new information is incorporated into the Lolo Trail System data base, increasing our knowledge of the day-to-day events that occurred along this land bridge between two vastly different cultural regions. It was not an isolated area, but rather a joining and mixing of cultures and ideas of people traversing the trail system for thousands of years.



Right. Discussing an edge ground cobble (food processing tool). PIT volunteer Cheryl Lawson (l) and Dr. Alan Marshall, Prof. of Anthropology, Lewis & Clark State College, Lewiston, Idaho.

Below: LOLO TRAIL INVENTORY PARTICIPANTS (1 to r) Sam Wormley and Cheryl Lawson (Iowa); Dale Medeiros (Florida); Michael Clady (Oregon); LaFawn Kessler, Dr. Alan Marshall, Darla Williams, Ethna Wright (Idaho); and Clearwater NF archaeologist Robbin Johnston. Standing (1 to r): Clearwater NF archaeologist Wendell Davis; Robbin Wilson (Idaho); and Clearwater National Forest archaeologist Steve Armstrong. Photos by Clearwater NF Heritage Resource (Archaeology) staff.



Ecosystem  
Management Series

## Helena NF, Carroll College Presenting Four Seminars: March, April, May

by Maggie Pittman,  
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**H**elena NF and Carroll College, Helena, Montana, are sponsoring a series of four seminar lectures on managing aging forest and rangeland ecosystems. The series, "Perspectives on Ecosystem Management", will focus on how State and Federal agencies will work together to provide quality land stewardship and conservation leadership in the 21st century.

The seminar lectures are open to the public, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Commons Building on the Carroll College campus. There is no admission charge.

The first seminar will be held Thursday, **March 23: MANAGING BIOTIC COMMUNITIES IN FIRE-DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS.** Bob Mutch, Missoula, retired USDA Forest Service, and Kathleen Davis, Fire Ecologist USDI Park Service, Phoenix, Arizona

The next three seminars are listed below:

**April 4: SOCIO-ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT.** Hal Salwasser, Boone & Crockett Wildlife Research Center, Missoula, Montana.

**April 27: POLITICAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTING ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT.** John Turner, Nature Conservancy Endowment Fund, Washington, D.C., former director of U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; and Jim Range, Natural Resource Policy Consultant, Washington D.C.

**May 11: INTERAGENCY ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT POLICY PANEL,** featuring representatives from several natural resource agencies.

For added details about the ecosystem management seminar series, telephone Maggie Pittman, Helena NF: (406) 449-5201.

# When She Was A Child, Jill Barnett Wanted to be TALL

by Menn Pollworth,  
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Nez Perce National Forest

Jill Barnett, Clearwater RD/Selway RD zone law enforcement officer, says that when she was a child, she wanted to be TALL. "I always had a deep love for animals. So, I wanted to be an animal doctor or trainer."

Now as an adult, standing a towering five feet even, Jill is a Forest Service law enforcement officer. And she is up to the job. She is tough, physically and mentally.

"If someone had told me I was going to be a law enforcement officer after high school, I would have told them they were 'nuts'," she reflects.

Today Jill is one of six female law enforcement officers in the Northern Region. There are only 48 law enforcement officers in the entire Region. She conducts investigations, takes on undercover assignments and does patrol work on the two Ranger Districts that comprise her law enforcement zone.

A native of Grangeville, Idaho, Jill worked for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Cottonwood, Idaho in 1978.

Since she started to work for the Nez Perce NF in 1979, Jill has served in planning, as a receptionist, a switchboard operation and as

a personnel/payroll clerk.

In 1987, she took a Nez Perce NF law enforcement assistant job. She took eight weeks of intensive basic police training in Georgia in 1989. "That was hard on me and my family, especially my little boys," Jill admits.

She recalls an unforgettable experience in this law enforcement training. She was as-

## Zone Policewoman

signed to play the role of an assailant carrying a concealed weapon. The investigator conducting the body search ripped her shirt off to retrieve a hidden handgun. "There I was. My hands cuffed behind my back, standing in my bra in front of everybody," Jill says, "That, I'll never forget."

She made her first official arrest in 1992 in Dixie, Idaho. In front of the townsfolk, she identified and arrested an environmental activist who had trespassed in the closed Cove/Mallard area on the Nez Perce NF. Jill

Zone law  
enforcement  
officer Jill Barnett.



enjoys the open communications, fellowship and respect she shares with other law enforcement officers and Forest Service workers.

At her home in Nezperce, Idaho, Jill has the support and encouragement of her husband, Pat Barnett, manager of the McGregor Farm Chemical Co. plant in Nezperce, Idaho. She enjoys the quality time she has with her family.

"The fact that I may, some day, have to use some form of deadly force on an individual is what's scary about being a law enforcement officer," Jill observes. "Otherwise, it is a rewarding, exciting job that I take pride in. The ring of the phone or a call on the radio often means I never know where I'll be or what I'll be doing next."

Raising her two sons to become happy and productive adults, and completing a successful law enforcement career are principal goals for Jill Barnett. After that, she and her husband will spend the rest of their lives traveling together.

## Nez Perce National Forest Joins in "Festival of Trees"

by Menn Pollworth,  
Information Assistant,  
Nez Perce National Forest

Nothing is brighter or brings more cheer than a holiday season "Festival of Trees". And there is good reason for that.

During the Christmas-New Year holidays, Nez Perce NF employees participated in community efforts to raise funds for cardiac monitoring equipment for Grangeville, Idaho's Syringa General Hospital.

From five "Tuesday Treats", which began Nov. 8 in the National Forest headquarters, Forest Service employees collected more than \$350 from the sale of home baked goods. Mindy Wiebush, wife of Elk City District Ranger Jim Wiebush, donated wooden tree decorations. Additional tree ornaments were purchased by other volunteers.

Nez Perce Forest employees turned the 5 1/2 ft. tree, provided by the local Lions Club, into "Woodland Magic", decked with wooden animals, fish, pine cones, golden balls, red ribbons, birds, dried flowers and clear lights.

Twenty-two decorated Christmas trees were auctioned off, bringing in a total of \$8,800, including the sale of the "Woodland Magic" tree. It sold for \$225.

**Medical Center Fund**—The Elk City and Red River Ranger Districts, at a joint fundraising Christmas party, raised \$243 for the Elk City Medical Center. The community is attempting to raise \$33,000 to finance the building of a clinic so that visiting medical personnel can provide services for the Elk City area.

Party participants brought wrapped presents and goods for local children and needy families.

**Tree of Sharing**—Goodhearted employees of the Nez Perce NF headquarters and the Clearwater RD made wishes come true

for 15 children of the local Family & Children Services. The wish list ranged from clothes, a baby rattle and toys, to three pairs of roller blades, toy farm sets, educational toys, coloring and activity books, markers, art supplies, cassette tapes, and dolls.

**Food Bank**—The Nez Perce NF headquarters and the Clearwater RD employee welfare committees also collected cash donations to permit the local Food Bank to provide Christmas dinner baskets for less fortunate individuals and families. The committees committed more than \$250 for the purchase of turkey, ham and other holiday foodstuffs.

For Nez Perce NF employees, getting involved in the Festival of Trees, supporting and participating in rural community development, fulfilling children's holiday wishes, and helping provide special holiday dinners for those in need confirmed, again, what the Christmas season is really about: caring, giving, sharing and enjoying the holiday fellowship with others.



## BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

### AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

BLACK, ARGUS, forestry technician, Dillon RD, group cash award  
BOWEY, JAN, rangeland management specialist, temporary promotion, planner, Madison RD  
BRANN, ELIZABETH, silviculturist, Dillon RD, group cash award  
BROWN, JUDITH, budget and accounting officer, SO, promotion  
BROWNING, DAVID, fisheries biologist, Dillon RD, group cash award  
BUMP, KATIE, range conservation, Dillon RD, group cash award  
CARPITA, SUE, receptionist, Dillon RD, group cash award  
CHRISTENSEN, JIM, range technician, Dillon RD, group cash award  
CONTWAY, WAYNE, survey aid, Madison RD, cash award  
COURVILLE, STACY, wildlife biologist, Dillon RD, group cash award  
DALLAS, DAN, supervisory rangeland management specialist, Madison RD, temporary promotion, district ranger, Philipsburg RD, Deerlodge NF  
GIVEN, BILL, telecommunications technician, SO, cash award  
HANSEL, CHRISTINE, accounting technician, SO, quality step increase  
HAVIG, DENNIS, district ranger, Wisdom RD, cash award from SO  
HICKS, WILLIAM B, district ranger, Dillon RD, temporary promotion, supervisory forester, SO, and Dillon RD, group cash award  
HOEM, CAROLYN, resource assistant, SO, performance award  
HOWERY, JACKIE, support services specialist, Dillon RD, group cash award  
ENSEN, LEANNE, business management assistant, Wise River RD, promotion, support services supervisor, Wise River RD  
JOHNSON, GEORGE, zone dispatcher, SO, cash award  
JOHNSON, SHARON, mail/file clerk, SO, performance award  
KENISON, EDWARD, survey technician, SO, cash award  
KIECKBUSCH, SANDY, support services supervisor, Madison RD, cash award  
KING, RICH, law enforcement officer, Madison RD, cash award  
LAVALLEY, SHANE, contract specialist, SO, time off award  
MALESICH, MARSHA, forestry technician, Dillon RD, group cash award  
MARTENSEN, BLANE, physical science technician, Madison RD, cash award  
MILLER, JUANITA, resource assistant, SO, quality step increase  
MIZE, VONNA MAE, support services specialist, Madison RD, cash award  
MOORE, CAREY, information receptionist, Dillon RD, performance award from Los Padres NF  
PETRONI, DIANE, national environmental protection act coordinator, Madison RD, cash award  
SCHAEFFER, JIM, forestry technician, Dillon RD, group cash award  
SMELICH, PHYLLIS, support services specialist, Wise River RD, cash award  
SMITH, PETE, resource assistant, Dillon RD, group cash award  
VINCENT, TIM, forestry technician, Madison RD, cash award  
WOODS, PATRICIA, assistant dispatcher, SO, quality step increase

### REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

WEATHERD, JILL, rangeland management specialist, Bridgeport RD, Toiyabe NF, to rangeland management specialist, Dillon RD

## CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

### AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

GLASOE, CURTIS, civil engineer, East Zone Engineering, cash award  
GRAY, JAMES, forester, SO, temporary promotion, planner  
WALSH, CATHY, applications clerk, Medora RD, cash award

### REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

MUNOZ, MICHAEL, range conservationist, Coconino NF, reassignment, range management specialist, Ashland RD  
WARM, ARDEN, wildlife biologist, Tongass NF, reassignment, wildlife biologist, Sioux RD

## DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

### AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

AVERY, DANIEL, minerals & geology, SO, spot award  
BILLETER, JOHN, permanent seasonal, promotion, permanent full time, forestry technician, Jefferson RD  
BOHRNSEN, JUDY, support services specialist, Philipsburg RD, cash and spot awards  
BRABENDER, JOSEPH, forestry technician, Philipsburg RD, spot award  
BUNCE II, JOHN, land surveyor, SO, spot award  
CHOR, JULIANN, computer assistant, Anaconda CCC, special act award  
CULLEN, JACK, recreation technician, Butte RD, spot award  
DALLAS, DAN, rangeland management specialist, Madison RD, Beaverhead NF, temporary promotion, district ranger, Philipsburg RD  
DEARING, ROBERT, equipment operator, SO, spot award  
DESPAIN, DON, rangeland management specialist, Deer Lodge RD, promotion and group award  
DIEBOLD, SIRI, realty specialist, SO, spot award  
DODGE, JOCELYN, recreation forester, Butte RD, spot award  
EDELIN, RUSSELL, biological sciences technician, Deer Lodge RD, promotion, and group award  
EWING, MARGARET, district ranger, Butte RD, performance award  
FABER, BEVERLY, training instructor, Anaconda CCC, special act award

FOLLMAN, BETSY, wildlife biologist, Jefferson RD, promotion  
GAFFANEY, JOAN, forestry technician, Philipsburg RD, spot award  
GILMAN, ROBERT, district ranger, Deer Lodge RD, performance award  
GODBOLT, GRANT, district ranger, Jefferson RD, performance award  
HAMANN, JOHN, forest soil scientist, Butte RD, spot award  
HAMMOND, ERROL, resource assistant, Deer Lodge RD, group award  
HEINTZ, THOMAS, district ranger, Philipsburg RD, performance award  
HENNINGSEN, RICK, forestry technician, Butte RD, spot award  
HINKLE, CHARLES, forestry technician, Philipsburg RD, spot award  
HODGE, ROBERT, equipment operator, SO, spot award  
HOLLAMON, RICH, development engineer, SO, spot award  
HOWARD, GARY, realty specialist, Flathead NF, promotion, Deerlodge SO  
JOHNS, ROBERT, forestry technician, Butte RD, spot award  
KELLEY, STEVE, civil engineering technician, promotion, forestry technician, Deer Lodge RD and group award  
LANGE, TERESA, civil engineering technician, SO, spot award  
LAUGHERY, LLOYD, forest trails coordinator, SO, spot award  
LUNCFORD, CELIA, support services specialist, Deer Lodge RD, group award  
MARIANI, JINA, wildlife biologist, SO, spot award  
MCKENZIE, A. FAWN, purchasing agent, SO, promotion  
MCLEAN, MARIE, office automation assistant, Anaconda CCC, special act award  
MCNAMARA, JAMES, forester, Butte RD, spot award  
MILLEY, ALLEN, forester, Philipsburg RD, spot award  
NOLTE, GEORGE, civil engineering technician, SO, spot award  
RAUCH, WILLIAM, maintenance foreman, SO, spot award  
RINTALA, RUSS, motor vehicle operator, SO, spot award  
RIORDAN, PAT, cartographic technician, SO, cash award  
RUPPERT, DAVID, forest soil scientist, Butte RD, spot award  
SAJOR-JOYCE, LINDA, computer specialist, SO, promotion, management analyst, Pacific SW RO  
SCOTT, SHAWN, resource/computer clerk, Deer Lodge RD, group award  
SCOTT, RANDALL, survey technician, SO, spot award  
SHAW, GARLAND, range conservationist, Philipsburg RD, spot award  
SPRAUER, LAUNA, computer assistant, Anaconda CCC, special act award  
STRICKLAND, LINSEY, law enforcement officer, SO, spot award  
THOMAS, ROSE, support services supervisor, Anaconda CCC, special act award  
WELDON, MICHAEL, cadastral surveyor, SO, spot award  
WHITTINGTON, MARY, general support clerk, Anaconda CCC, special act award  
WINKER, LENA, office automation clerk, Deer Lodge RD, group award

### REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HINKLE, HEIDI, information receptionist, reassignment, business management clerk, Philipsburg RD  
WEIKEL, ROBERTA, budget & accounting analyst, SO, reassignment, accountant, Boise NF

### RESIGNATIONS

POMEROY, BILLY, wildlife biologist, Philipsburg RD

## FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

### AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ANDERBERG, CLARENCE, forestry technician, Glacier View RD, special act award  
BROSTEN, ARNOLD, assistant fire management officer, Swan Lake RD, special act award  
CRAWFORD, DONNA, procurement clerk, SO, quality step increase  
JOHNSON, MARILYN, forestry technician, SO, special act award  
JORGENSEN, DALE, forestry technician, Swan Lake RD, performance award  
KUROPAT, BETTY, wildlife biologist, SO, special act award  
LAUDER, MAX, civil engineer, SO, temporary promotion, supervisory civil engineer  
LUHMAN, DALE, supervisory forester, Spotted Bear RD, performance award  
MANAGHAN, LOIS, resource assistant, performance award  
MILLER, DAVID, supervisory technician, Tally Lake RD, quality step increase  
NOWAK, ROBERT, forestry technician, Tally Lake RD, performance award  
OSLER, SHARON, support services supervisor, Tally Lake RD, special act award  
PARADISE, JAMIE, resource clerk, SO, performance award  
PENNER, STEVEN, forester, Swan Lake RD, performance award  
RICE, NOLA, procurement assistant, SO, quality step increase  
RICHARDSON, TED, assistant fire management officer, Swan Lake RD, special act award  
RICHWINE, MASON, forestry technician, Glacier View RD, special act award  
ROOS, DOREEN, public information technician, Tally Lake RD, promotion, information assistant  
ROWLEY, ALLEN, supervisory forester, Spotted Bear RD, performance award  
RUSSELL, DOUGLAS, forestry technician, Swan Lake RD, performance award  
SMITH, BECKY, forester, Tally Lake RD, quality step increase  
SWOPE, WILLIAM, fire management officer, Tally Lake RD, special act award  
TEBAY, SUE, secretary, SO, performance award  
VENTURINI, BARBARA, procurement assistant, SO, quality step increase  
WEAVER, GAYANNE, forestry technician, Swan Lake RD, temporary promotion, cartography technician, SO

WIRT, STEVEN, forestry technician, Tally Lake RD, temporary promotion

#### **REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS**

SULLIVAN, GAIL, business management assistant, Glacier View RD, reassignment, purchasing agent, Tally Lake RD

#### **GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST**

##### **AWARDS & PROMOTIONS**

BLASEG, PAULETTE, resource clerk, Bozeman RD, cash award  
COFFIN, CLAUDE, forester, Hebgen Lake RD, cash award  
GIBSON, DEBBIE, personnel assistant, SO, cash award  
GIBSON, GENE, district ranger, Bozeman RD, cash award  
KEMPF, JONATHAN, civil engineer, SO, cash award  
MARCHWICK, DONNA, business management clerk, Bozeman RD, cash award  
MCCLURE, JANET, information receptionist, Bozeman RD, cash award  
STOWELL, LINDA, business management clerk, Bozeman RD, cash award

##### **REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS**

STEELE, LARRY, contract specialist, SO, reassignment, supervisory contract specialist, Flathead NF

#### **HELENA NATIONAL FOREST**

##### **AWARDS & PROMOTIONS**

ADELBLUE, JERRY, national environmental protection act/appeals coordinator, SO, performance award  
GEORGIO, KARYL, budget and finance officer, SO, performance award  
HEFFNER, DENNIS, planning forester, SO, performance award  
HOWELL, ARTHUR, planning forester, SO, performance award  
IHLE, BETH, geologist, Townsend RD, performance award  
SHEPHERD, KATHERINE, office automation clerk, Lincoln RD, time off award

##### **REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS**

BOGGESS, BUDDY, supervisory forestry technician, Helena RD, reassignment, Deschutes NF  
LAVELL, JEAN, supervisory wildlife biologist, Townsend RD, reassignment, Okanagan NF  
PUSTIS, NANCY, rangeland management specialist, Helena RD, reassignment, Bridger Teton NF

#### **IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS**

##### **AWARDS & PROMOTIONS**

ASLESON, TERESA, forestry technician, Priest Lake RD, temporary promotion  
GORE, ROXIE, accounting technician, promotion, claims assistant, SO  
JOHNSON, BRIDGET, budget analyst, Lassen NF, promotion, supervisory budget and accounting analyst, SO  
SHERIDAN, PATRICK, forester, Fernan RD, quality step increase  
STOCKTON, CHARLES, wildlife biologist, St. Maries RD, temporary promotion  
WOODS, JACLYN, personnel assistant, SO, temporary promotion

##### **REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS**

O'BRIEN, REGINA, fishery biologist, Malheur NF, reassignment, Wallace RD  
**RESIGNATIONS**  
KINCHELOE, JULIE, forester, Fernan RD  
MALDONADO, ALICIA, computer specialist, SO  
ROBERTS, KIMM, writer/editor, Wallace RD

#### **KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST**

##### **AWARDS & PROMOTIONS**

ADAMS, J. JAY, forestry technician, promotion, supervisory forestry technician, Libby RD  
HILL, KATRINA, resource technician, Fortine RD, quality step increase  
HUNTER, CHARLIE, forestry technician, temporary promotion, supervisory forestry technician, Three Rivers RD  
HVIZDAK, RONALD, forestry technician, promotion, supervisory forestry technician, Rexford RD  
NORMANDEAU, DONNA, information receptionist, Cabinet RD, special act award  
PLUID, JACK, maintenance worker, Rexford RD, performance award  
WEBSTER, CHARLIE, forester, Fortine Rd, promotion, operations, SO

##### **REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS**

BOND, DEBRA, forester, Flathead NF, reassignment, Libby RD

#### **LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST**

##### **AWARDS & PROMOTIONS**

HERTEL, JACQUELINE, budget and accounting officer, SO, time off award  
MCBRATNEY, BRAD, rangeland management specialist, Rocky Mountain RD, promotion  
NEWTON, RICHARD, archeologist, SO, quality step increase

##### **REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS**

BOGGESS, DEBBIE, financial assistant, SO, reassignment, Deschutes NF  
BOND, TIM, rangeland management specialist, Toiyabe NF, reassignment, Kings Hill RD

#### **LOLO NATIONAL FOREST**

##### **AWARDS & PROMOTIONS**

ALLEY, SUSAN, forestry technician, Ninemile RD, cash award

AMSTER, JULIE, forestry technician, Ninemile RD, spot award

ARNOLD, DEWEY, civil engineering technician, West Zone Engineering, cash award

ANDERSON, JOHN, forester, Ninemile RD, cash award

AIRHART, JON, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

APPLEGATE, VICTOR, forester, SO, quality step increase

BENEFIEL, MARY, office automation clerk, RO, spot award

BAILEY, DAN, supervisory forestry technician, SO, quality step increase

BENSON, JERRY, supervisory forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

BENTON, LINDA, computer specialist, SO, quality step increase

BERON, SUSAN, contract specialist, SO, cash award

BLACKBURN, LISA, forestry technician, Seeley RD, spot award

BLESSING, RODNEY, civil engineering technician, East Zone Engineering, cash award

BLINN, MICHAEL, contract specialist, SO, cash award

BOHANNAN, CONSTANCE, supervisory contract specialist, SO, cash award

BOLLER, AUDREY, procurement technician, SO, cash award

BREKKE, CAROL, resource assistant, Missoula RD, cash award

BRANDEBERRY, DALE, law enforcement officer, LE&I, West MT Zone, cash award

BRAS, JOHN, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

BROWDER, DANIEL, biological scientist, Seeley RD, spot & cash awards

BROWN, KEVIN, forestry technician, SO, quality step increase

BRYANT, R. RAYMOND, forestry technician, SO, cash award

BURTON, TOMASA, administrative officer, Missoula RD, cash award

CARROLL III, ROBERT, supervisory forestry, Missoula RD, cash award

CALCATERRA, HARRIET, support services supervisor, SO, quality step increase

CASSELLI, JOHN, hydrological technician, SO, cash award

CAVILL, FREDRICK, supervisory forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

CHAPMAN, BECKY, purchasing agent, SO, cash award

CHASE, SHIRLEY, forestry technician, Superior RD, cash award

CHILDRESS, MARCUS, forester, Plains RD, cash award

COMBS, DOUGLAS, purchasing agent, SO, cash award

CONCEPCION, ANGELA, forestry aid, Ninemile RD, spot award

CORTS, PATRICK, administrative officer, Superior RD, promotion, administrative officer, Intermountain Research Station

DAGGER, STEVEN, forester, Plains RD, cash award

DALTON, ANNE, biological sciences technician, SO, cash award

DARLETH, ROBERT, supervisory forestry technician, Superior RD, cash award

DIEHL, MATTHEW, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

DRAHOS, ANTHONY, forestry technician, Seeley RD, cash award

DREISBACH, BRIAN, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

DREISBACH, CHARLENE, support services supervisor, Plains RD, cash & spot awards

DUPUIS, VICTOR, forester, Missoula RD, cash award

URLAND, DAVE, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

DURSMA, CHERIE, computer assistant, SO, cash award

ECK, JOYCE, realty specialist, SO, promotion

ELLIOTT, NANCY, resource clerk, SO, spot award

ERRECART, CARRIE, financial assistant, Plains RD, spot award

FLANSBURG, JAMES, supervisory land surveyor, SO, quality step increase

GABBARD, SHANNON, forestry aid, Ninemile RD, spot award

GAGE, RANDALL, civil engineer, SO, cash award

GAUL, ROYLENE, legal assistant, Bitterroot NF, spot award

GILBERT, CRAIG, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

GOULD, RANDALL, hydrological technician, SO, cash award

GREEN, BARBARA, accounting technician, SO, cash award

GRILL, STARLA, support services supervisor, Ninemile RD, cash award

GROVER, FRANK, forester, SO, cash award

GOSSARD, BOYD, supervisory forester, Missoula RD, cash award

HAAS, FRED, forester, Plains RD, cash award

HAAS, KARL, administrative officer, Plains RD, spot award

HAINES, PAUL, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award

HARDEN, THERON, electronic technician, SO, spot award

HARLEY, HAZEL, procurement clerk office automation, SO, cash award

HARRIS, YOLANDA, contract specialist, SO, cash award

HAWK, RON, forester, SO, cash award

HAYES, ROBERT, engineering draftsman trainee, SO, spot award

HENSLER, SHANNON, supervisory accounting technician, SO, cash award

HETTICK, LLOYD, forestry technician, Superior RD, spot & cash awards

HILLIS, MIKE, wildlife biologist, SO, cash award

JOB, DEBORA, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash awards

JOHNSON, CAROLE, forestry technician, Superior RD, cash award

JOHNSON, HARLAN, supervisory contract specialist, SO, cash award

KAUFMAN, ROBERT, deputy forest supervisor, SO, cash award

KRAMER, RICHARD, fish biologist, SO, cash award

LACER, CHUCK, civil engineer technician, West Zone Engineering, cash awards



LAGO, JACQUELYN, forester, SO, cash award from RO  
 LAMBRECHT, CHERI, forester, Plains RD, cash award  
 LEWIS, LORI, forestry technician, Superior RD, spot award  
 LIMPY, VIRGINIA, forestry aid, Ninemile RD, spot award  
 LOMAN, MERLE, accounting technician, SO, cash award  
 LOMMEN, MARY, forestry technician, Superior RD, cash award  
 LOVE, TIMOTHY, asst distr ranger, Seeley RD, quality step increase & cash award  
 LUBINSKI, MARJORIE, cartography technician, SO, cash award  
 LUMPRY, DUANE, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash award  
 LYNAM, GARY, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash award  
 MAGNUSON, LEAF, information assistant, Missoula RD, time off award  
 MAILLET, MARY, supervisory forestry technician, Superior RD, cash award  
 MALONE, DENIS, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash award  
 MALONEY, HOLLY, land forestry technician, Missoula RD, temporary promotion, supervisory forestry technician  
 MARTIN, JUDITH, procurement clerk, SO, cash award  
 MCCREA, TOBY, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award  
 MCCMULLEN, SPRUCE, forestry technician, Superior RD, spot award  
 MCMURRAY, CINDY, resource assistant, SO, spot award  
 MCNAB, JOAN, contract specialist, SO, quality step increase & cash award  
 MILLER, JERALD, supervisory forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash award  
 MORIN, MARC, civil engineering technician, West Zone Engineering, cash award  
 MUCCI, DEBORAH, civil engineering technician, East Zone Engineering, cash award  
 MURPHY, MAE, senior community service employment program, SO, spot award  
 NEILL, ELIZABETH, landscape architect, SO, cash award  
 NOLAN, ROBERT, civil engineering technician, East Zone Engineering, cash award  
 ODEGARD, PETER, civil engineering technician, East Zone Engineering, cash award  
 OGDEN, RONALD, forestry technician, Seeley RD, spot award  
 ORTMAN, KATHRYN, forestry technician, SO, cash award  
 OWENS, DEREK, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award  
 PARTYKA, CHRISTOPHER, civil engineering technician, West Zone Engineering, cash award  
 PENNIE, CATHERINE, forestry technician, SO, cash award  
 PETTEYS, DAVE, supervisory forestry technician, Plains RD, quality step increase  
 RAINS, MARGARET, computer specialist, SO, spot award  
 RIGGERS, BRIAN, fish biologist, SO, cash award  
 RONCK, VICTOR, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash award  
 ROOSE, HOWARD, forestry technician, SO, quality step increase  
 ROTH, ROBERT, supervisory forestry technician, SO, cash award  
 RUDE, JEFF, lead forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award  
 RUMMEL, GLENDON, forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award  
 RUSS, RON, forestry technician, SO, spot award from Intermountain Research Station  
 SAVIK, VIRGINIA, resource assistant, Plains RD, spot award  
 SCHREIBER, WINNIE, public affairs specialist, Missoula RD, quality step increase  
 SELI, ROBERT, supervisory forester, Plains RD, cash award  
 SHEPARD, BARBARA, forestry aid, Ninemile RD, spot award  
 SIGSBY, ANTHONY, forestry technician, Plains RD, spot award  
 SMITH, RICHARD, district ranger, Plains RD, quality step increase  
 SMITH, WANDA, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash award  
 SMOLZYNSKI, JAMES, biological sciences technician, SO, spot award from Nez Perce NF  
 SOLEM, JANE, information receptionist, Missoula RD, time off award  
 SOULAR, JAMES, civil engineering technician, West Zone Engineering, spot award  
 SPOON, CHARLES, supervisory forester, SO, cash award  
 STADLER, DON, forestry technician, Superior RD, spot award  
 STEWART, CHAD, forestry aid, Ninemile RD, spot award  
 STENSRUD, REBECCA, secretary, SO, cash award  
 STOCK, KEVIN, forestry technician, Ninemile RD, spot award  
 SYLTE, TRACI, civil engineer, East Zone Engineering, cash award  
 TANASCU, MIKE, forester, SO, quality step increase  
 TANBERG, KAREN, forestry technician, Seeley RD, cash award  
 THOMPSON, DIANE, support services supervisor, Missoula RD, cash award  
 THOMPSON, GENE, forestry technician, Missoula RD, promotion  
 VACURA, WAYNE, supervisory forestry technician, Plains RD, cash award  
 VANDEWERKER, TED, budget & accounting analyst, SO, quality step increase & cash award  
 WAGNER, BRIAN, forestry technician, SO, cash award  
 WAGNER, LOUISE, senior community service employment program, SO, spot award  
 WAITE-HUDIBURGH, VIRGINIA, forestry technician, Missoula RD, cash awards

WALKER, VALERIE, student trainee forestry, Plains RD, cash award  
 WILKINSON, A. RICHARD, civil engineering technician, West Zone Engineering, cash award  
 WILLIAMS, BYRON, civil engineering technician, SO, spot award from Region 3 & cash award  
 YELCZYN, BEVERLY, forester, Seeley RD, cash award  
 ZIER, KIM, appraiser, SO, quality step increase

## REGIONAL OFFICE

### AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ARTHUR, JAMES, personnel management specialist, PM, cash award  
 FLECK, JOAN, appeals assistant, RFO, promotion  
 HALL, DEBBY, employee relations specialist, PM, quality step increase  
 JACOBSEN, GERALD, position classification specialist, PM, cash award  
 MCCONNELL, TIMOTHY, biological sciences technician, TCFPM, cash award  
 MCCART, KATHLEEN, computer specialist, PM, quality step increase & cash award  
 SCHUFT, CAROLE, office automation assistant, W&F promotion  
 WILLIAMSON, RICHARD, personnel management specialist, PM, cash award

## RETIREMENTS

CHEEVERS, NORMA, purchasing agent, Fernan RD, Idaho Panhandle NFs  
 DAVIS, MERRILL, forester, TCFPM, RO  
 FOTH, DONALD, supervisory forester, TCFPM, RO  
 KARR, PAUL, supervisory civil engineer technician, Bonners Ferry RD, Idaho Panhandle NFs  
 LEWELLEN, JERRY, forestry technician, SO, Idaho Panhandle NFs  
 MILLER, GERALD, forestry technician, SO, Idaho Panhandle NFs  
 WILLIAMS, F. RON, forester, Fortine RD, Kootenai NF

## In Memoriam

**Beartooth District Ranger Linda Ward-Williams, 47, was killed Feb. 7 in a vehicle accident near her home in Fishtail, Montana, 35 miles northwest of Red Lodge. She was driving to work on state highway 78.**

A Billings, Montana, native, she attended schools in Hysham, Billings and Missoula. Ward-Williams earned a master's degree in anthropology at the University of Montana and had done work toward a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Her career in archaeology and anthropology included work in Israel, Western Europe and in the U.S. with the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and the USDA Forest Service. She also taught at Central Florida University and worked for the State Archaeologists office in Colorado. Since 1990, Ward-Williams had been district ranger at Red Lodge, Custer NF.

Linda lived life fully. In addition to her profession, her interests were diverse, and she pursued them with passion. She was an accomplished Middle Eastern Dancer, a long-distance runner of six full marathons, and a talented photographer, guitar-player, and writer. She raised fox trotter horses and cats, had an active interest in the outdoors, and had traveled widely (including a camel trek into Northern Africa) with her husband, Burt.

She is survived by her husband, Burt Williams, who works for the Bureau of Land Management. Other survivors include her parents Tom and Ethel Ward of Hysham; her parents-in-law, Lonnie and Mary Williams of Billings; two sisters, Karen Lechner of Billings and Sherry Swanson, of Blackfoot Idaho; and nieces and nephews, Jana and Jason Lechner of Billings and Ryan and Carolyn Swanson of Blackfoot.

Memorials to Linda Ward-Williams can be sent to Nature Conservancy of Montana, Land Preservation Fund, 32 South Ewing, Helena, Montana 59601.

*by Sherry L. Milburn,  
Public Affairs Officer,  
Custer National Forest*

**Fred G. Williams, 91, died February 19, 1995 in Libby, Montana. His career with the Forest Service spanned 40 years, all on the Kootenai NF. Williams worked on Ranger Districts and in the Supervisor's Office. His last position, prior to his retirement in 1966 was as lead construction superintendent in the Kootenai NF SO.**

# Recollections of Smokey's 50th

## Forty-Two Children Mark Smokey's 50th at Powell Pond

by Mary Bowman,  
Clearwater NF

Idaho's Free Fishing/Camping Day created the crowds and Smokey's 50th birthday provided the reason for a celebration at the Powell Pond on the Powell RD, Clearwater NF.

Tim Brickell, fire management fuels specialist, with lots of help from others on the District, developed the stage for the birthday celebration that followed the fishing contest. The forty-two children from Montana and Idaho were divided into three age groups (6 and under; 7-11; 12 & older) for the fishing competition. Awards were made for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd largest fish and the smallest fish in each age group.

After the fishing and judging, everyone — including parents — were invited to Smokey's 50th birthday party: hot dogs, buns, macaroni



Above: SMOKEY & FRIENDS at Idaho County Fair. Photo by Bob Lippincott, forestry technician, Clearwater RD, Nez Perce NF.

Left: Young fisherman displays his catch at Smokey's birthday party at Powell Lake.

Merchants from Missoula, Montana, and Lewiston, Idaho, and Moscow, Idaho, and points in between donated all of the food and many of the prizes.

salad, soda pop and a birthday cake with Smokey's picture painted in the cake frosting.

## The Birthday Bear at the County Fair

by Menn Pollworth,  
Information Assistant  
Nez Perce NF

Guess who had a birthday bash? No, it wasn't Mickey Mouse.

Smokey Bear had his 50th birthday party at the 1994 Idaho County Fair in Cottonwood, Idaho.

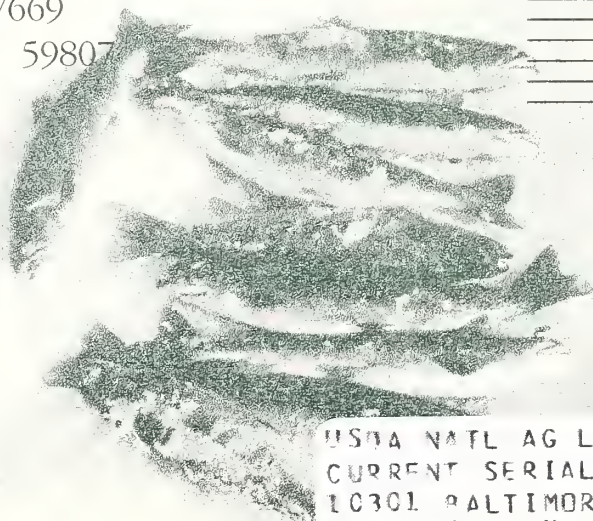
It was hot and dusty on August 24, but what a day it was for Smokey Bear!

A lot of his friends and helpers came to celebrate the event. And a tasty birthday cake provided by Asker's Thrift, a Grangeville merchant, was enjoyed by all.

Smokey was well recognized for his good work in fire prevention.

Employees of the Nez Perce National Forest helped the lovable and popular Smokey Bear entertain his local fans at the B-A-S-H!

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